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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)	MAIL STOP
Hiroshi Goto)	Group Art Unit: 2626
Application No.: 09/288,966)	Examiner: SCOTT A ROGERS
Filed: April 9, 1999)	Confirmation No.: 8072
For: MULTI-TONE IMAGE PROCESSING)	
METHOD AND APPARATUS)	
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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.175

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

We, Hiroshi Goto and Satoshi Deishi, hereby declare as follows:

(1) We are citizens of Japan, having a respective post office address as follows:

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(2) We believe that we are the original, first inventors of the invention described and claimed in the United States Patent No. 5,790,272 and in the specification and the claims of the Reissue Application filed herewith.

(3) We have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification and the claims of the Reissue Application.

(4) We hereby claim the benefit of foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 with respect to Japanese Patent Application No. 5-259691, filed on October 18, 1993.

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(5) We acknowledge the duty to disclose information that we are aware of which is material to the examination of this Reissue Application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a).

(6) We believe the original patent to be partly inoperative or invalid by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than the patentee had the right to claim in the patent. Specifically, Applicants failed to include the subject matter of claims 29-36 which are included in this reissue application. In addition, claim 24 includes an error at line 10 of the printed patent, wherein the term "lighter" should have been "darker". And, claims 1-16 and 25-28 are canceled.

(7) All errors which are being corrected in this reissue application up to the time of filing of the declaration on April 9, 1999 arose without any deceptive intent on the part of the Applicants.

(8) Every error in the patent which was corrected in the present reissue application, and is not covered by the prior declaration submitted in this application, arose without any deceptive intent on the part of the Applicants.

(9) The undersigned declare further that all statements made herein are of our own knowledge and are true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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